THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Small and Medium Enterprises Development (SMED) Bill, 2005 has already been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 12th May, 2005.

Rehabilitation of disabled persons

837. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of disabled persons in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have taken any measures to rehabilitate these persons through various projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are considering to provide financial assistance, education and food to such persons; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Information is given as Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) There are various ongoing schemes/programmes for rehabilitation of the persons with disabilities. Details of the schemes/ programmes are available on the website *viz*. www.socialjustice.nic.in.

(d) and (e) Some of the State Governments/U.T. Administrations are providing unemployment allowance and/or disability pension to persons with disabilities. The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) provides soft term loans to persons with disabilities for self-employment. The Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 provides free education to children with disabilities upto the age of 18 years. Voluntary organizations are being supported for establishment of special schools to provide free education to children with disabilities. Three per cent reservation for persons with disabilities is also provided in admission to Government and Government aided educational institutions.

Statement

State-wise number of disabled persons in the country

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Number of Persons with Disabilities as per Census, 2001
1	Jammu & Kashmir	3,02,670
2	Himachal Pradesh	1,55,950
3	Punjab	4,24,523
4	Chandigarh	15,538
5	Uttaranchal	1,94,769
6	Haryana	4,55,040
7	Delhi	2,35,886
8	Rajasthan	14,11,979
9	Uttar Pradesh	34,53,369
10	Bihar	18,87,611
11	Sikkim	20,367
12	Arunachal Pradesh	33,315
13	Nagaland	26,499
14	Manipur*	28,376
15	Mizoram	16,011
16	Tripura	58,940
17	Meghalaya	28,803
18	Assam	5,30,300
19	West Bengal	18,47,174
20	Jharkhand	4,48,377
21	Orissa	10,21,335
22	Chhattisgarh	4,19,887
23	Madhya Pradesh	14,08,528
24	Gujarat	10,45,465
25	Daman & Diu	3171

*Excludes Mao Maram, Paomata and Purul Sub Divisions of Senapati district of Manipur.

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Number of Persons with Disabilities as per Census, 2001
26	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4048
27	Maharashtra	15,69,582
28	Andhra Pradesh	13,64,981
29	Karnataka	9,40,643
30	Goa	15,749
31	Lakshadweep	1678
32	Kerala	8,60,794
33	Tamil Nadu	16,42,497
34	Pondicherry	25,857
35	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	7,057
	TOTAL	2,19,06,769

Influx of street children in Delhi

838. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of street children in the capital city of Delhi is on the increase;

(b) if so, the magnitude of this menace; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to address this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) There is no scientific survey available to indicate the number of street children in Delhi.

(c) A Scheme, *viz.*, 'An Integrated Programme for Street Children' is under implementation wherein there are 6 projects implemented by Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) being assisted in Delhi. These projects provide facilities like shelter, nutrition, healthcare, sanitation and hygiene, safe drinking water, education, recreation and counselling to street children and ensure their protection from abuse and exploitation.